#### JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

# BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 10 NOVEMBER 1993

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REFNO: 0806-0-01 (ACCNO 0970) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED Name: MIDNIGHT, FRANCIS BARNES Date Status assigned: 23 May 1973							
Nationality AMERICAN Race CAUCASIAN Blood Chit Service AIR FORCE Sex MALE Blood type O + Grade O2 Hair BLACK Complexion FAIR SSAN DATA Eyes BROWN Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL Serial No 000078810 Height 73 in /1.85 mtrs Weapon No K598949 Birth date 11 Jul 1939 Weight 163 lb / 73.8 kg Duty pos ACFT CDR Home State INDIANA Religion CATHOLIC PW Camp							
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INCIDENT LOCATION (0)							
Site Type: CRASH SITE UTM: 48QXE712139 Lat/Long: 171819N / 1063640E Country: NORTH VIETNAM Military Region: 4 Mission Province: QUANG BINH							
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Folders Passed: May 92 Investigations: Jun 92 Surveys: Jun 92 Additional Information Obtained: Jun 92 Vessey Case: NO Case type: CRASH SITE Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash							
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Vehicle Type: F4C Serial: 7517 Crash Type: Aircraft accident Engine Type: J79 Call Sign: SAPPHIRE 02 1 Serial: Year: 66 2 Serial:							
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ON 15 JAN 94, IE1 TRAVELED TO TRUONG XUAN VILLAGE, QUANG NINH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0806. NO NEW WITNESSES WERE FOUND REGARDING THIS CASE, THEREFORE, THE TEAM RE-INTERVIEWED THE FOUR PREVIOUS WITNESSES. NONE OF THE WITNESSES HAD ANYTHING TO ADD TO HIS PREVIOUS INFORMATION. NO HUMAN REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WAS OBTAINED BY THE TEAM DURING ITS INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. (REF 4)

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CASE 0806-0-01

# NARRATIVE

ON 23 AUGUST 1967, FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS B. MIDNIGHT AND FIRST LIEUTENANT ALBERT M. SILVA WERE THE CREW ABOARD AN F-4C FIGHTER, IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT, ON A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 66-7517, CRASHED DURING AN ORDNANCE DELIVERY RUN IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XE712139, APPROXIMATELY 18 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DONG HOI, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. LIEUTENANT SILVA PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND WAS RESCUED. LIEUTENANT SILVA SAID THAT HE

PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AT A VERY LOW ALTITUDE AND BELIEVES THAT LIEUTENANT MIDNIGHT PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO GET OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT BEFORE IT CRASHED. SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES COULD NOT ESTABLISH VISUAL OR ELECTRONIC CONTACT WITH LIEUTENANT MIDNIGHT.

IN JANUARY 1992, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT RELEASED A

DOCUMENT TITLED "MILITARY REGION IV AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS

JOURNAL FROM 1964-1973 - REFERENCE MATERIAL." ENTRY 872 LISTED

THE SHOOT DOWN OF AN F-4C ON 23 AUGUST 1967 AT 0215 HOURS IN THE

LONG DAI AREA BY COMPANY 10, BATTALION 2 AND INDICATED ONE

CREWMAN DIED AND ONE CREWMAN RESCUED. THIS INFORMATION POSSIBLY

CORRELATES TO THIS INCIDENT.

ON 24 JUNE 1992, A JOINT TEAM VISITED TRUONG XUAN VILLAGE (XE727141), QUANG NINH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES.

TWO WITNESSES, THAN XUAN LAP AND THAN HUU VUONG, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF A TWO-SEATER JET AIRCRAFT DURING THE EVENING OR EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AN UNRECALLED DATE IN MID-1967 OR 1968. THE WITNESSES REPORTED ONE CREW MEMBER EJECTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND WAS LATER RESCUED. THE SECOND CREW MEMBER PERISHED IN THE CRASH. HIS BODY WAS FOUND NEAR RAU TRU HAMLET (XE712129). THREE DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT, THE BODY WAS COVERED WITH DIRT AND ROCKS WHERE IT LAY.

THE THIRD WITNESS, LE VAN THONG, CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUND A
HUMAN SKULL IN 1983 IN A FORESTED AREA DOWNHILL FROM THE CRASH
SITE. HE ALLEGEDLY BURIED THE SKULL NEAR A LARGE TREE STUMP.

THE FOURTH WITNESS, NGUYEN VAN DONG, CLAIMED TO HAVE SCAVENGED WRECKAGE FROM THE CRASH SITE. MR. DONG SAID HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY REMAINS, IDENTIFICATION MEDIA OR OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THE SITE.

ON 25 JUNE 1992, THE TEAM VISITED THE CRASH SITE (XE713130)

AND FOUND SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE. THE TEAM ALSO EXCAVATED THE

ALLEGED BURIAL SITE OF THE HUMAN SKULL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

LATER THAT DAY, THE TEAM EXAMINED WRECKAGE ALLEGEDLY RECOVERED

FROM THE CRASH SITE. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE WRECKAGE

SUGGEST AN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS INCIDENT.

A U.S. ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM WORKING AT THE MILITARY REGION IV MUSEUM IN VINH FROM 9 JUNE TO 12 JULY 1993 DISCOVERED TWO ITEMS WHICH CORRELATE TO THIS CASE.

PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 6 DEC 93 TECHNICAL MEETING

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THE FIRST ITEM WAS A RECEIPT FOR FILM FROM AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT.

VIETNAMESE ANNOTATIONS INDICATED THE FILM CAME FROM AN F-4C SHOT

DOWN IN LONG DAI, QUANG BINH ON 23-8-1967. THE SECOND ITEM WAS

PAGE ONE OF A HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION REPORT WHICH READ, "ITEM:

FILM FROM AN AIRCRAFT; MATERIAL: PLASTIC; DATE OF INVESTIGATION:

10-12-1969; ITEM HISTORY: AIRCRAFT FILM FROM AN F-4C DOWNED BY

D5 E282 ((BATTALION 5, REGIMENT 282)) AT LONG DAI, QUANG BINH ON

23-8-1967."

# PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: MIDNIGHT, FRANCIS BARNES

RANK: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 JULY 1939

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.85 METERS

WEIGHT: 73.8 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BLACK

EYES: BROWN



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# Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 23 tháng 8 năm 1967, Trung úy FRANCIS B. MIDNIGHT và Trung úy ALBERT M. SILVA là phi hành viên trên một máy bay F-4C trong một biên đội gồm có hai máy bay, có nhiệm vụ trinh sát võ trang ban đêm. Chiếc máy bay, mang số hiệu 66-7517, bị rơi trong khi ném bom trong khu vực của tọa độ XE712139, cách Đồng Hới khoảng chừng 18 cây số về phía nam, tỉnh Quảng Bình. Trung úy SILVA nhảy dù ra ngoài máy bay và được giải cứu. Trung úy SILVA nói là ông ấy nhảy dù ra ngoài máy bay ở độ cao rất thấp và tin là Trung úy MIDNIGHT không có thì giờ để ra ngoài máy bay trước khi bị rơi. Lực lượng tìm kiếm và giải cứu không thể nhìn thấy hoặc liên lạc điện tử với Trung úy MIDNIGHT được.

Vào tháng 1 năm 1992, chính phủ Việt Nam giao một tài liệu mang đầu đề, "Nhật Ký Tác Chiến Phòng Không Của Quân Khu IV từ 1964 - 1973 -- Tài Liệu Tham Khảo" cho chính phủ Mỹ. Danh mục số 872 kê khai thông tin về vụ bắn rơi một chiếc F-4C ở khu vực Long Dai do đại đội 10, tiểu đoàn 2 vào ngày 23 tháng 8 năm 1967 vào lúc 02g15, và cho biết rằng một phi hành viên đã chết và phi hành viên khác được giải cứu. Thông tin này có thể tương quan đến vụ này.

Vào ngày 24 tháng 6 năm 1992, một đội hỗn hợp đến xã Trường Xuân, (tọa độ XE727141), huyện Quảng Ninh, tỉnh Quảng Bình để điều tra vụ này. Đội đã phỏng vấn bốn nhân chứng.

Hai nhân chứng, Thân Xuân Lập và Thân Hữu Vương, cho biết thông tin

Nhân chứng thứ ba, Lê Văn Thông, báo cáo rằng ông ấy đã tìm ra một xương sọ con người trong một khu rừng ngay xuống dốc từ nơi máy bay rơi, vào năm 1983. Ông ấy nói rằng ổng đã chôn cất xương sọ ở gần một rễ cây to.

Nhân chứng thứ tư, Nguyễn Văn Đồng, báo cáo rằng ông ấy đã tháo nhôm ở nơi máy bay rơi. Ông ấy nói rằng ổng đã không tìm ra hài cốt, giấy tờ chứng minh hoặc vật dụng cá nhân gì ở tại hiện trường.

Vào ngày 25 tháng 6 năm 1992, đội đến thăm nơi máy bay rơi (tại tọa độ XE713130) và tìm ra những mảnh nhỏ xác máy bay. Đội cũng đã khai quật chỗ được cho là nơi chôn xương sọ, song không đạt kết quả gì. Cùng ngày sau đó, đội xem xét mảnh xác máy bay được cho là lấy từ nơi máy bay rơi. Sự phân tích sơ bộ của xác máy bay này cho biết là có thể tương quan đến vụ này.

Một đội sưu tầm lưu trữ Mỹ, trong thời gian làm việc ở Viên Bảo Tàng Quân Khu IV ở Vinh từ ngày 9 tháng 6 đến ngày 12 tháng 7 năm 1993, đã phát hiện ra hai hiện vật tương quan đến vụ này.

Hiện vật thứ nhất là một giấy biên nhận ghi mục là phim lấy từ một máy bay Mỹ. Ghi chú tiếng Việt cho biết rằng phim này đã được lấy từ một

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máy bay F-4C bị bắn rơi ở Long Dai, tỉnh Quảng Bình vào ngày 23 tháng 8 năm 1967. Hiện vật thứ hai là trang 1 của một bản báo cáo điều tra lược sử có nội dung như sau: "Tiết mục: phim lấy từ một máy bay; Chất liệu: đồ nhựa; Ngày tháng được điều tra: ngày 10 tháng 12 năm 1969; Lược sử hiện vật: phim máy bay lấy từ một chiếc F-4C do D5, E282 bắn rơi ở Long Dai, tỉnh Quảng Bình vào ngày 23 tháng 8 năm 1967."

Những chi tiết liên quan như sau:

Hovà tên: MIDNIGHT, FRANCIS BARNES

Cấp bậc: Trung úy, Không Quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: Ngày 11 tháng 7 năm 1939

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 mét 85

Cân nặng: 73 ký 8

Màu tóc: Đen

Màu mắt: Nâu